IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs as indicated:

[0045] In Figure 3, the battery storage **86** is shown in the vacuum unit **32**. Additionally, the battery storage **86** may be located in various vacuum tools ~~**128**~~ (as shown in Figure 20). One type of battery **84** that may be used is a rechargeable battery **84**. During the use and recharging of the batteries **84**, the batteries **84** may have a tendency to generate heat. Therefore, a battery fan **88** may be used to create air flow about the batteries **84** for cooling the batteries **84**. The battery fan **88** may be integral with the fan for creating the vacuum or it may be separate. It is to be further appreciated that multiple motors may be used with the subject invention. For example, two motors may be use, one motor that is battery operated and another motor that is not battery operated for use when the batteries are low.

[0051] Referring to Figures 15-17, the transport mechanism **36** is illustrated as including a bed **114** being generally horizontal for supporting the vacuum unit **32** and the waste container **34** next to one another. It is to be appreciated that either the vacuum unit **32** or the waste container **34** may be above or beneath one another as set forth in the other embodiments described above. The transport mechanism **36** is illustrated as a push cart having a handle **116** extending upwardly from the bed **114** for moving about the area when the vacuum unit **32** and the waste container **34** are positioned on the bed **114**. Either one of the waste container **34** and the vacuum unit **32** may be supported by the handle **116** of the bed **114** as well. Referring specifically to Figure 15, the vacuum unit **32** has the hook **92** and is mounted to the transport mechanism **36** and the waste container **34** is supported on the bed **114**. The transport mechanism **36** includes the battery storage

86 for the vacuum unit **32**. ~~In Figure 18, the vacuum unit **32** is fixed to the sidewall **48** of the waste container **34**.~~ In Figure 16, the vacuum unit **32** is supported by the waste container **34**, which is supported on the bed **114** of the transport mechanism **36**. Referring to Figure 17, the waste container **34** is supported by the handle **116** and the vacuum unit **32** is supported by the transport mechanism **36**. The transport mechanism **36** can support other cleaning equipment such as a bucket **117**.

[0053] Referring to Figures 19A-19C, the exhaust port **58** of the vacuum unit **32** is also capable of acting as a blower, which is typically employed for utility vacuums. The assembly **30** may include a release hose **122** extending within the waste container **34** and connected to the exhaust port **58** for releasing the waste liner **46** within the waste container **34**. A diverter (not ~~now~~ shown) may be used to direct the air into the release hose **122** and into the waste container **34** as would be appreciated by those skilled in the art. This is particularly useful when using the waste liner **46** and it begins to fill and expand within the waste container **34**. A suction-pressure holds the liner into the waste container **34** making it difficult to remove, as shown in Figure 19A. When the air is diverted into the release hose **122** as in Figure 19B, the air overcomes the suction-pressure making it easier to remove the liner from the waste container **34**, as in Figure 19C. It is to be appreciated that the release hose **122** may be adapted for any of the vacuum unit embodiments and any of the portable cleaning assembly embodiments.

[0054] Referring to Figure 20, the assembly **30** may also include a bladder **124** for storing a cleaning solution. The bladder **124** may be housed within the vacuum unit **32** or the waste container **34**. A spray nozzle **126** extends from the bladder **124** for spraying the

cleaning solution. The bladder **124** may be pressure operated or ~~by~~ operated by a hand pump such as the nozzle as would be appreciated by those skilled in the art. The bladder **124** may also be housed outside of the vacuum unit **32** or waste container **34** for easy access and refilling.